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SUBJECT: LETTERS FROM THE SECRETARY TO ALLAN J. MACEACHEN
AND DONALD JAMIESON

1. EMBASSY PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALLAN J.
MACEACHEN, PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL:

BEGIN TEXT--

DEAR ALLAN:

I MUST SAY I GREETED THE NEWS OF THE RECENT CHANGE IN YOUR
PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES WITH MIXED EMOTIONS. I KNOW, OF
COURSE, THAT CANADA WILL BE EXTREMELY WELL SERVED AS YOU
TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE AS ACTING PRIME MINISTER
IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S ABSENCE AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE
PRIVY COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS. YET I REGRET THAT WE WILL NOT BE WORKING SO
CLOSELY TOGETHER AS BEFORE IN ADVANCING THE MUTUALITY OF
INTERESTS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND IN PROMOTING THE
MANY BROAD INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES OUR COUNTRIES SHARE.
I HAVE ENJOYED AND VALUED IMMENSELY OUR PERSONAL AND
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PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS AS SECRETARIES OF STATE AND LOOK

FORWARD TO THE SAME CLOSE COOPERATION WITH YOUR SUCCESSOR,

DONALD JAMIESON.

I HOPE THAT YOU AND I WILL FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO
MAINTAIN PERSONAL COMMUNICATION IN YOUR NEW POSITION. OUR
PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, OF COURSE, DOES NOT DEPEND ON WHAT
PORTFOLIO YOU HOLD.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER -- END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DONALD
JAMIESON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

BEGIN TEXT--

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU ON RECEIVING THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
PORTFOLIO IN THE CANADIAN CABINET. I REMEMBER WELL OUR
DISCUSSION, WHEN I WAS IN OTTAWA LAST OCTOBER, OF
CANADIAN ECONOMIC POLICIES AND WAGE AND PRICE RESTRAINTS.
I WELCOMED YOUR ASSURANCES AT THE TIME THAT CANADA WISHES
TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES AND TO
ASSURE THAT THE MINOR IRRITANTS THAT WE SOMETIME FACE
WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE VERY MANY BENEFITS OUR RELA-
TIONSHIP BRINGS TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

NO COUNTRY IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES THAN
CANADA, IN TERMS OF BOTH OUR DOMESTIC INTERESTS AND OUR
INTERNATIONAL GOALS. WITH NO OTHER COUNTRY DO WE ENJOY
SO MANY ESSENTIAL INTER-RELATIONSHIPS, COMMON VALUES AND
SHARED ASPIRATIONS. I HAVE VALUED THE FRANK AND INFORMAL
RELATIONSHIP THAT ALLAN MACEACHEN AND I ENJOYED IN PURSU-
ING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
CLOSELY WITH YOU IN THIS SAME SPIRIT.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER -- END TEXT. ROBINSON
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